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Suggestion below.

PFAS is not a high priority so not sure why we would mention that process.

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This language is exactly consistent with language Mary sent around. OK to send. Reporter is pinging OPA and OPA is pinging me.

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Charlotte, I think Mary was working with you on this. Here is what we have. I do not love the answer to #2 but I understand this is what was used for SEPW prep. Too bad PFOS wasn't included on the 40 prioritized. I added the red. Please advise. Thanks.

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From: Matheny, Keith <kmatheny@freepress.com>

Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 4:09 PM

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Hello,

I'm working on a package of stories related to PFAS contamination in Michigan and elsewhere. I have a couple of EPA-related questions that I'm hoping someone can answer for my story.

1. The EPA and PFAS compound manufacturer 3M worked out a voluntary phaseout of PFOS in 2000, which I think was completed by the company by 2003. See here:

https://archive.epa.gov/epapages/newsroom_archive/newsreleases/33aa946e6cb11f35852568e1005246b4.html

Why were not PFOA, and other commonly distributed PFAS compounds, not included in that phaseout at the time?

2. EPA later announced the 2010/2015 PFOA Stewardship Program, calling on manufacturers to eliminate the compound, and precursors that break down into PFOA, from all products by 2015, and to reduce emissions containing PFOA by 95% from a 2000 baseline, by 2010.

See here:

<https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/fact-sheet-20102015-pfoa-stewardship-program>

None of these PFAS compounds have ever been outright banned from use by the U.S. EPA, despite having a great deal of evidence of their persistence in the environment and the potential for human health harms by no later than the late 1990s.

- A. **Why were the products never outright banned by EPA?**
- B. **Why, in 2019, is there still no enforceable water or soil standard for PFOS and PFOA contamination?**
- C. **What work, if any, was done toward establishing an enforceable limit for PFOS and PFOA in drinking water (or surface water, or soil) from the time EPA became more aware of the potential harm to the environment and human health, in the late 1990s or earlier, and today?**

My deadline on this story is Wednesday, April 17, and my contact information is below. Thank you very much.

Keith Matheny

Reporter

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